



**AGENDA**  
**SPECIAL CALLED TELEPHONE MEETING**  
**of**  
**THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS SYSTEM**  
**BOARD OF REGENTS**  
**December 18, 2015**  
Austin, Texas

CONVENE THE BOARD IN OPEN SESSION TO RECESS TO EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO *TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE*, CHAPTER 551 10:00 a.m. **Page**

- 1. Negotiated Contracts for Prospective Gifts or Donations – Section 551.073

**U. T. Austin: Discussion and appropriate action regarding proposed negotiated gifts with potential naming features**

- 2. Consultation with Attorney Regarding Legal Matters or Pending and/or Contemplated Litigation or Settlement Offers – Section 551.071

- a. **U. T. System Board of Regents: Discussion with Counsel on pending legal issues**

- b. **U. T. System: Discussion and appropriate action regarding legal issues related to the Attorney General Opinion Request (RQ-0076-KP) concerning implementation of the “campus carry” law (Senate Bill 11)**

- c. **U. T. System: Discussion and appropriate action regarding legal issues related to the Attorney General Opinion Request (RQ-0081-KP) concerning contracts in which a governing board member has an interest (Senate Bill 20)**

- d. **U. T. Austin: Discussion and possible appropriate action regarding legal issues associated with the nomination to the National Register of Historic Places of the Lions Municipal Golf Course, 2901 Enfield Road, Austin, Travis County, Texas**

- 3. Personnel Matters Relating to Appointment, Employment, Evaluation, Assignment, Duties, Discipline, or Dismissal of Officers or Employees – Section 551.074

**U. T. System: Discussion and appropriate action regarding individual personnel matters relating to appointment, employment, evaluation, compensation, assignment, and duties of presidents (academic and health institutions), U. T. System Administration officers (Executive Vice Chancellors and Vice Chancellors), other officers reporting directly to the Board (Chancellor, General Counsel to the Board, and Chief Audit Executive), members of the Board of Regents, and U. T. System and institutional employees**

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION TO CONSIDER ACTION, IF ANY, ON EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS AND TO CONSIDER AGENDA ITEMS 10:50 a.m. approximately

- 1. **U. T. System Board of Regents: Approval of Consent Agenda items** **Action** **3**

2. **U. T. Dallas: Discussion and appropriate action regarding allocation of \$23 million of Permanent University Fund Bond Proceeds for final build-out of space and equipment in the Bioengineering and Sciences Building and campus infrastructure improvements**      **Action**      **4**

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*11:00 a.m.  
approximately*

1. **U. T. System Board of Regents: Approval of Consent Agenda items**

RECOMMENDATION

The Board will be asked to approve the Consent Agenda items located at the back of the book under the [Consent Agenda](#) tab.

2. **U. T. Dallas: Discussion and appropriate action regarding allocation of \$23 million of Permanent University Fund Bond Proceeds for final build-out of space and equipment in the Bioengineering and Sciences Building and campus infrastructure improvements**

**RECOMMENDATION**

The Chancellor and Deputy Chancellor concur in the recommendation of the Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, the Executive Vice Chancellor for Business Affairs, and President *ad interim* Wildenthal that authorization be granted to allocate \$23 million from Permanent University Fund (PUF) debt proceeds with \$9 million to complete final build-out of the Bioengineering and Sciences Building, \$5 million for capital equipment for a core experimental facility in the Bioengineering and Sciences Building, and \$9 million for campus infrastructure improvements.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

The \$9 million in PUF proceeds allocated for completion of the Bioengineering and Sciences Building will be used to build out an area in the basement that was originally left as shell space. The continued rapid growth in the number of bioengineering faculty has made it essential to complete the building to its maximum capacity. This project will proceed as a Minor Project pursuant to Regents' *Rules and Regulations*, Rule 80403, and will be institutionally managed.

The \$5 million in PUF proceeds allocated for capital equipment in the Bioengineering and Sciences Building will provide funding for a core experimental facility for bioengineering, neuroscience, and biology faculty and students. This core facility will provide a highly cost-effective way to address the individual needs of the many new faculty moving into the building and will also provide a stimulus to more collaborative research.

The \$9 million in PUF proceeds allocated for campus infrastructure improvements will allow U. T. Dallas to enhance utility infrastructure and expand Drive A to handle the increased traffic associated with the Parking Structure IV project, currently under construction. A connection between Drive A and the Loop Road to the south will also be created to equilibrate traffic flow. This project will proceed as a Minor Project pursuant to Regents' Rule 80403 and will be institutionally managed.

There is a critical need for the above projects as a result of rapid enrollment growth and an already large academic space deficit and require funding as quickly as possible. These projects are all directly integral to the U. T. Dallas strategic plan that is expected to lead successfully toward achieving the goal of national stature in research and education.



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**ACADEMIC INSTITUTIONS**

1. Other Matters - U. T. Austin: Approval of \$2 million in Available University Funds (AUF) for the *Engineer Your World* program

The Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs recommends approval of \$2 million in Available University Funds (AUF) requested by U. T. Austin for the *Engineer Your World* program at U. T. Austin.

In 2008, the National Science Foundation awarded U. T. Austin \$12.5 million to develop innovative solutions for high school engineering education. The cornerstone of this work has been the creation of an exemplary, yearlong engineering curriculum and teacher support program, *Engineer Your World*.

Designed by faculty in the Cockrell School of Engineering and the College of Education, and in collaboration with NASA engineers and secondary education specialists, *Engineer Your World* is transforming how engineering is introduced and taught in high schools across Texas and the United States.

A pilot program, began in 2011-2012 that included 212 students in seven schools in the Austin area, has grown to 5,000 students in 110 schools across 16 states in 2015-2016. The program has attracted a diverse population of high school students, with Hispanic and African-American students representing approximately 50% of the students participating this academic year. Additionally, more than 30% of the participants are female. Beginning in Spring 2016, high school students participating in the *Engineer Your World* program will have the opportunity to receive three semester credit hours towards a freshman engineering course from U. T. Austin through a dual enrollment program.

This proposal includes increasing the number of high schools in Texas participating in the program by 75 (from 50 to 125) and engaging faculty in engineering from three other U. T. System institutions, as listed below, to participate.

The \$2 million requested to support the *Engineer Your World* program will be expended during the 2015-2016 and 2016-2017 academic years, and will allow expansion of U. T. Austin’s outreach through subcontracts with U. T. Dallas, U. T. Permian Basin, and U. T. Rio Grande Valley.

<b>Proposed Program Function</b>	<b>Proposed Budget</b>
Dual enrollment program Faculty support, dual enrollment fee waivers for students, and development of an information technology infrastructure for submissions	\$800,000
Overall program management and educational materials enhancement	\$600,000
Support for high schools in Texas Equipment for high school courses and participant costs for teachers during summer training program	\$500,000
Overall program management Equipment to support summer teacher training and facility use fees	\$100,000

The *Engineer Your World* program directly addresses the U. T. System desire to increase the pipeline of engineering students, as articulated in the 2013 report from the Task Force on Engineering Education for Texas in the 21st Century and Chancellor McRaven's goals for K-12 education, as 60% of the students completing the *Engineer Your World* program expressed an interest in pursuing an engineering career.

Additional information about the program is available at: <http://engineeryourworld.org/>

2. Request for Budget Change - U. T. San Antonio: New Hire with Tenure -- amendment to the 2015-2016 budget

The following Request for Budget Change (RBC) has been administratively approved by the Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and is recommended for approval by the U. T. System Board of Regents:

Description	Effective Date	% Time	Full-time Salary		RBC #
			No. Mos.	Rate \$	
<b>College of Business</b>					
Department of Information Systems and Cyber Security					
Professor					
H. Raghavendra Rao (T)	1/16-5/31	100	09	\$255,000	7341

**HEALTH INSTITUTIONS**

3. Contract (funds coming in) - U. T. Health Science Center - Houston: Memorial Hermann Health System to provide financial support for U. T. Health Science Center - Houston's academic, research, and community service programs

Agency: Memorial Hermann Health System

Funds: Approximately \$198 million

Period: July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016

Description: Program support agreement whereby Memorial Hermann Health System makes payments to U. T. Health Science Center - Houston in support of its academic, research, and community service programs. This agreement is intended to replace the current process in which the parties execute separate contracts for physician, programmatic, and research support.

The agreement includes a provision that will reduce the compensation by approximately \$2 million for each of the last three months of the agreement if U. T. Health Science Center - Houston and Memorial Hermann Health System are unable to enter an agreement to effectuate a new integrated clinical model by March 31, 2016.

4. Gift - U. T. Health Science Center - San Antonio: Authorization to accept the gift for purchase of a sculpture to be placed outdoors at the main entrance of the Cancer Therapy and Research Center

Description: U. T. Health Science Center - San Antonio is requesting approval to accept a donation from the Jack and Valerie Guenther Foundation for a sculpture to be placed on the grounds of the Cancer Therapy and Research Center (CTRC) located at 7979 Wurzbach Road in San Antonio, Texas.

The outdoor art, to be sculpted by Mr. Kent Ullberg, will be entitled "Wings of Hope - Hands of Healing." The sculpture design is in a "V" formation to symbolize "Victory over Cancer," and will depict hands holding wings to symbolize hope for cancer patients and their families (see attached diagram, [Exhibit A](#)). "Hope" for victory over cancer is a key element of the CTRC patient experience. The CTRC and its Institute for Drug Development offer excellence in patient care and access to clinical trials that can offer patients new options for a cancer diagnosis not otherwise available through conventional treatments. The polished bronze and stainless steel sculpture will stand 15 feet in height, excluding the pedestal, which will be 5 feet in height. The sculpture will be prominently displayed at the main entrance of the CTRC (see attached map, [Exhibit B](#)), where it will attract the attention of thousands of patients, families, and visitors as they enter and leave the CTRC.

Mr. Ullberg is recognized as one of the world's foremost wildlife sculptors. His sculptures are exhibited in major museums and corporate headquarters around the globe, as well as in private collections. He is a major supporter of wildlife conservation and has been honored by the National Museum of Wildlife Art for significant contributions to the interpretation and conservation of wildlife and its habitat. His lifetime achievements include awards bestowed on him by the Allied Artists of America, the National Arts Club, the National Sculpture Society, and the Society of Animal Artists.

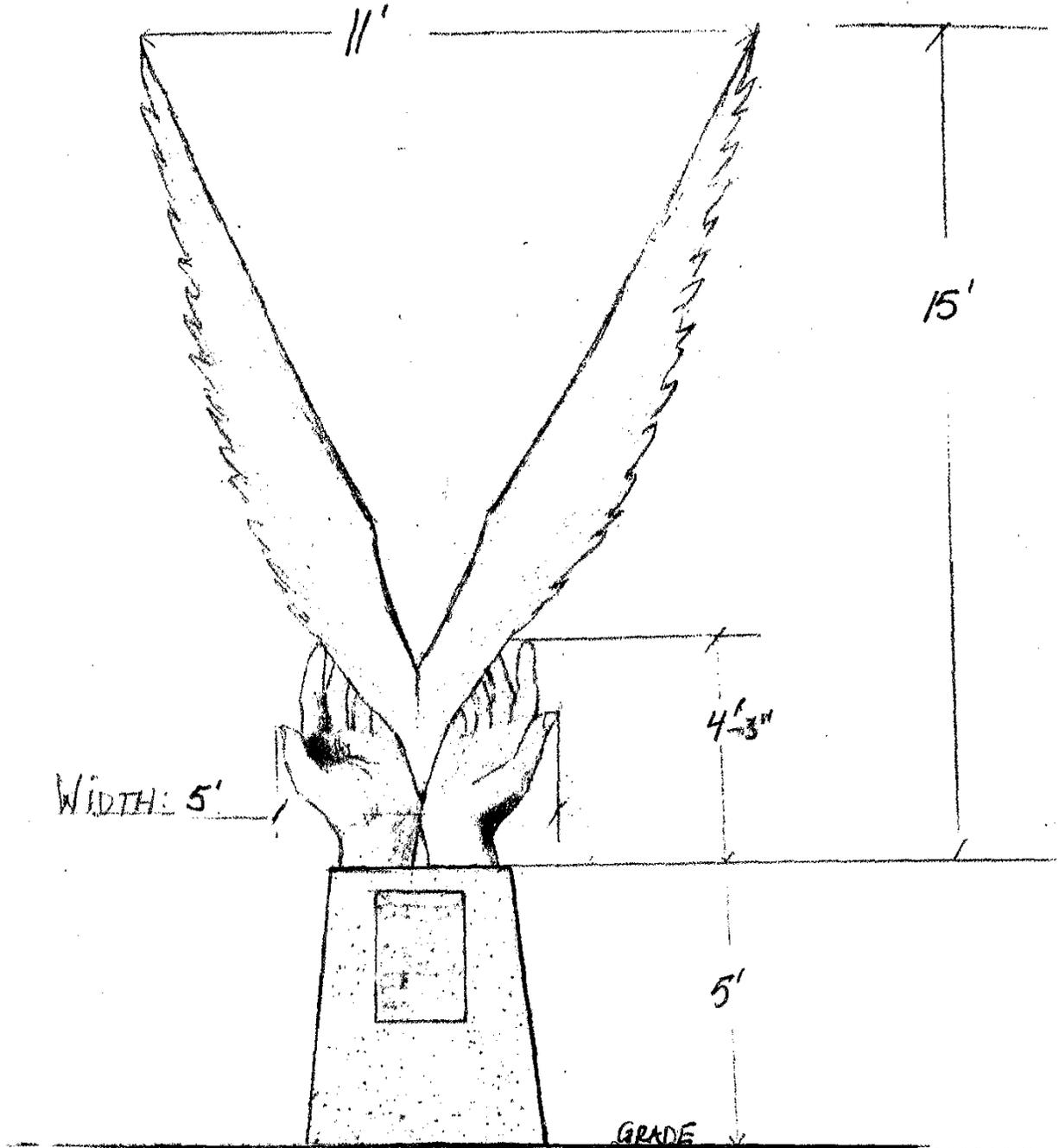
Donor:

Mr. Jack Guenther is a 1956 alumnus of the U. T. Austin. Both he and his wife, Valerie Guenther, serve on the U. T. System Chancellor's Council and are active volunteers and donors to the CTRC. The Charles and Betty Urschel Tower at the CTRC was named for Mrs. Guenther's family prior to the CTRC becoming part of U. T. Health Science Center - San Antonio. The Jack and Valerie Guenther Foundation has made similar gifts to other U. T. System institutions.

Value:

The cost of the donated outdoor work of art and transportation of the art to the CTRC will be covered by a gift of \$300,000 from the Jack and Valerie Guenther Foundation. The installation and minimal maintenance will be funded from gifts and the general budget of the CTRC.

Exhibit A



**WINGS OF HOPE - HANDS OF HEALING**

(forms a V for Victory over cancer)

**CTRC. REVISED DIMENSIONS (SCALE 3/8" = 1'-0")**  
(AS OF 11/5 2015)



EXHIBIT B